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SUBJECT: PROFESSOR RICHARD FRYE

1. PROFESSOR RICHARD N. FRYE, AGA KHAN PROFESSOR OF IRANIAN HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AND HEAD OF ASIA INSTITUTE, PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY, SHIRAZ, HAS WRITTEN AFGHAN DESKOFF RE PROPOSAL TO ASSIST KABUL UNIVERSITY DURING SPRING, 1976. PROFESSOR AND MRS. FRYE (FORMERLY EDEN NABY) WILL BE TAKING SABBATICAL DURING 1975-76 ACADEMIC YEAR IN SHIRAZ. AT RECENT UNESCO CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN, ABDUL HAI HABIBI OF AFGHANISTAN ASKED FRYE IF HE WOULD ASSIST KABUL UNIVERSITY IN SPRING OF 1976 TO ORGANIZE TEACHING OF COURSES IN ANCIENT IRANIAN LANGUAGES (AVESTAN, PAHLAVI, ETC.).

2. FRYE WILLING TO COME TO KABUL UNIVERSITY FROM SHIRAZ FOR 3-4 MONTHS BEGINNING MARCH, 1976, TO HELP ORGANIZE COURSES/CURRICULA. HE CONCERNED ABOUT FINANCING (PRIMARILY HIS SALARY) AND WONDERS IF USAID OR OTHER FINANCING MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, AS GOA PROBABLY UNABLE TO UNDERWRITE COSTS. HE ALSO INQUIRES AS TO WHETHER KABUL UNIVERSITY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DR. NABY, FORMER PCV AT KABUL UNIVERITY, WHO COULD TEACH AT UNIVERSITY DURING THEIR STAY ON TOPIC RELAT-
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ING TO MODERN AFGHANISTAN OR COMPARATIVE LITERATURE. DR.

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NABY FORMERLY DIRECTED AFGHANISTAN COUNCIL PROGRAM OF ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK.
3. DESKOFF INFORMED FRYES THAT HE DID NOT THINK AID FINANCING AVAILABLE; HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER SOURCES MIGHT BE LOOKED INTO, SUCH AS AFAMEC OR ASIA FOUNDATION.

4. REQUEST FRYE PROPOSAL BE DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER GOA INTERESTED IN PURSUING AND WILLING TO SUPPORT. ALSO SUGGEST AFAMEC DIRECTOR INQUIRE INTO LIKELIHOOD OF COMMISSION SUPPORT. IF PROJECT DEEMED WORTHWHILE AND OF SUFFICIENT PRIORITY, CU WOULD CONSIDER INCLUDING IN FY 76 BUDGET. PLEASE PROVIDE PRELIMINARY REPLY BY JULY 31, AS FRYES WILL BE LEAVING FOR IRAN IN EARLY AUGUST. KISSINGER

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